Mr. Seetharamappa.—Concessions regarding building materials allowed at present to *khatedars* in cases of accidental fires may also be shown to *shikmi* raiyats whose houses are destroyed by fire and who require assistance from Government. The concessions are not shown to *shikmidars* because there is a *khatedar*. There must be a definite ruling. This has been shown in special cases.

Dewan.—Are such cases many ?

Mr. Subba Rao.—In the *malnad*, there are many such instances. The Amildar knows them.

Revenue Commissioner.—Do you want the concession for tenants or for *hissedars* ?

Mr. Subba Rao.—We want it to be shown to tenants.

Dewan.—Instructions will issue to grant the concessions to *shikmidars* also.

Mr. Seetharamappa.—Amildars may be empowered to sanction loans up to a limit of Rs. 100 at 3% interest to enable raiyats to construct houses in cases of accidental fires. Sufficient funds may be advanced to each Taluk for this purpose.

Chief Secretary to Government.—Are not *Takavi* loans granted in such cases ?

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—*Takavi* loan is only given for land improvement &c.

Chief Secretary to Government.—No, for rebuilding houses destroyed by fire.

Mr. Subba Rao.—We want the loan at a lower rate of interest, *viz.*, 3% while the rate for *takavi* loans is 5 %.

Chief Secretary to Government.—The rate of 5 % is reasonable considering the present state of the money market and the rate in rural parts of 25% or so.

SUBJECT No 51.

Management of District Forests.

Mr. Danavandi Krishna Rao, Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Krishna Rao.—Interference of the Forest Department in District jungles may altogether be abolished and they may be left entirely under the management of the Revenue Department.

Dewan.—This question has been referred to the Committee appointed to investigate the question of entrusting the Deputy Commissioners with the entire administration of District Forests.